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MERCURIUS ANGLICUS:

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ENGLAND'S MERLIN.

Prophetically fore-telling,

The Admirable Events, and Wonderful Effects, that ſhall befall the King of Scots, the States of Holland, and the Parliament of England, in all their Conſultations, Warlike Actions, and Naval Deſignes, both by Sea and Land, for the Year of our Lord, 1653.

WITH

The moſt exact Predictions, and Monthly Obſervations, touching the great Riſing of the European Nations againſt England; and the ſucceſs that will attend them in all their Motions, Enterpriſes, and Attempts; As alſo, the Cauſes of theſe ſtrange Revolutions, Mutations, Inclinations, and Everſions of Empires, Kingdoms, and Common-wealths.

LIKEWISE,

The Aſtronical Calculations of the Eclipſes, Lunations, and conjunctions; portending a great Change of Government, Religion, and Law, in England, Scotland, and Ireland; together with the taking off all Taxes, Aſſeſments, Burdens, and Oppreſſions; and calling to a ſevere Account all Committees and Treaſurers; with the executing of many great Ones.

Collected out of the moſt elaborate Works of Captain George Wharton, *Eſquire*, Mr. William Lilly, Mr. John Booker, Mr. Vincent Wing, *and* Mr. Nicholas Culpeper, *Students in Aſtrology and phyſick.*

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To the Reader.

Merlinus Anglicus,&c.

Januaries Obſervations.

THe year ſeems to begin pleaſantly; our States promiſe fairly; and long-look't for comes at laſt; for the heavy burden of the people is removing; the honours of many great Ones are eclipſing; and the ſouldiery begin to be highly elevated, whileſt the poor Countrey Farmer (whoſe condition I pity) complains and ſads his heart, in regard his Cattle are like in many places to periſh for want of fodder and meat. A great change threatens the Lawyer: Sadneſs ſeems to poſſeſſe the ſpirits of many great Ones. The year initiates fair, but ſeaſonably cold and froſty; and ſo continues for the moſt part, until the 15 day, from whence (eſpecially about the 18, 19, 20, & 21 dayes) look for abundance of ſnow or rain, and dark unwholeſome weather.

Obſervations on Feb.

GReat are the Deſigns now in Conſults, and ſuch as may (by Gods bleſſing) make us happy for ſome ſucceeding years; Angels of Gold pleaſe the ſaints on earth, elſe why are ſome zealous ſpirits now calmed? Remiſs cold fair weather for the moſt part till the 10 day; from whence expect cold winds, Rain or ſnow, until the 14. The 15 and 16 days fair and ſeaſonable. About the 17, 18, & 19 dayes look for more rain and ſnow. The latter end of this month (eſpecially the 26 day) will produce impetuous ſtorms of Rain and Hail. Full moon the 2d day. New moon the 17 day.

Obſervations on March.

THe Hollander is as buſie as a fly in the honey-pot, and great preparations are making againſt us; but alas! I could wiſh Noah's Dove might appear with glad tydings of peace, after theſe late, long, and terrible wars, which are ſtil like to be for ſome years univerſal. Some ſmall ſnow the firſt three days. Much Rain or ſnow about the full Moon, and ſo for the moſt part till after the 6 day; and thence the Air will be more ſerene (though very cold and froſty mornings] until the 15 day. The reſt of the month will be fair but windy. The 4 day full Moon, but ſhe's totally eclipſed all England over. The 19 day full Moon.

A word in ſeaſon to the Lawyer: Gentlemen, to deal ingeniouſly, the divine Aſpects of heaven promiſeth fair; ballance your Wiſdom in the Skales of Equity, and do juſtice to all men; for there are a people that will ſwell with invectives againſt Thee neer theſe Times.

The Term commences with the Lawyer's grief
[Curt Fees, and they deſerve as Curt relief:]
Lawyers prefer the ſharpeſt Lawes, as beſt
To keep a Common-wealth in peace and reſt:
If ſo; why ſhould the Gown-men frown and puff
To ſee the Courts of Juſtice lyn'd with Buff?
No Plea e're moved as a Sword can do;
For that ore-ruleth Judge and Jury too.

April

Observations on April.

FOur times shall the Inhabitants of the earth behold the Luminaries eclipsed this yeer, twice the Sun, and as oft the Moon; but we in England, as also Ireland, France, Spain, and Scotland, shall not see any of them, except one, & that total of the Moon, which will happen on the 4. of March; it will begin at one of the clock, 48 min. past, in the morning; the beginning will be at one min. before 3 of the clock, the greatest obscurity at 53 min. past 3 a clock; the end of it at 17 min. past 4, and at 57 min. past 5 the Moon will have fully recovered her borrowed light: the whole duration will be 4 ho: 9 min. the colour of the Eclipse at the greatest darkness will be black, with a greenish ash-colour. The effects wil operate about the 26 of Octob. about which time, up goes some great Ones in Authority Rain, Thunder, and Lightning, most part of the month. Full Moon the 2d day. New Moon the 16 day.

Observations on May.

OSave all, save all, save all; never more need; for the month seems to begin with bloud; and some eminent Gentlemen are expos'd to the mercy of the mercilesS Heavens defend the City and Country from Oppression and Tyranny; for violent feavers, the small pox, and a great sickness or pestilence threatens the people. Violent and bloudy sea-fights all along our Coasts, and great preparations in Scotland to invade us. The month b gins with storms, but ends fairly, with a full Moon the 2d day, and a new Moon the 16 day.

Whither an Army now? well! I could say
Who 'tis will get, or who shall lose the day,
Thrasillus like inform you, who shall prove
Victorious in's Ambition, who in's Love:
But I am silent, nay, I must be dumb,
'Tis Treason, now, to pray, Thy Kingdom come.

Observations on June.

SAd news from several parts; & our Grandees begin to be somwhat amused, by reason of the vehemency of an extreme pestilence that threatens to remove them from their Judicature at Westminster: Gods will be done; but my ardent desire is, That Divine providence may divert this sore and heavy judgment; and that hunger and sickness may not afflict the poor: Few Kings and Princes in Europe but shall taste of the fury of the Eclipse before cited; and those that domineer like little Lords ought to look about them: but mum! I dare say no more.

July's Observations.

A Sad time! All Europe are up in arms, and the people stretch their wits, even till they break them, to fight against the Decrees of Heaven. The Commonwealth in general is foreseen to be in a good condition, and the States receive good news from their servants at sea; Which produceth an attonement from the poor *Hogens* of Holland, but without a miracle no peace proceeds; so that they swarm like Locusts in our seas, yet return home handsomly beaten. Here is much snarling and tugging again about the Laws and Tythes by discontented souls, whilst our superiors are also amongst themselves divided in their consultations, how to appease the demands of Thousands, whom nothing will serve or satisfie but a new Election. Oh Heavens! the [illegible] Works of many are slighted, and their great power is [illegible]

but she is dumb, and hides her Beauties so,
(Th' Accents of her supreme Authority:)
Hard hearts have thought, and most ill voices spoke,
That would disturb her smiling Eyes.

to say, England, Scotland, France, Germany, Zealand, Spain, Portugal, &c. The present King of Spain hath the Sun in the 18 deg. of *Aries*, with the Dragons Tayl, and the Moon in the 28 of Sagittary, in conjunction with Saturn, the Sun in the 5th, and the Moon in the 2d house of the Radix; and therefore let him expect some harm or loss to befall him either in his body, children, or revenew, if not all. Another King I know (and truly honour) which Horoscope is within 3 deg. of the point eclipsed, Mar. 3. 1653. which bodes him some infirmity of body, what, I say not: because I suppose the progression of the Horoscope to the Terms of Jupiter, may frustrate the evil thereby signified.

But I wish we may find it otherwise then is here premonished; I desire peace and not war; but I fear it much, though I hope the contrary; for I see mens hearts more obdurate then ever, every man in these iron days looking after his own by-ends, and not at the common good; but what need I ment on this? Doth not every man that hath eyes see how miserably this Nation hath already been wrackt and poled by a company of beggerly cheats? Sub Treasurers and Sequestrators look about you, & all you, that have unjustly converted the Treasure of the Commonwealth to your own uses; of what place and condition soever you are of, you are sore threatned, the time will come, and is neer approching, when you must render an account of your actions; your riches may prove your ruine, if you make not a timely account to the Common-weal. I pray God make the Parliament wise, the Body of this Fabrick standing upon a very rotteering foundation: for if this Authority under which we mourn, after this Opposition of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, shall inforce us to some new and illegal assessment, or by way of raising money upon any pretence whatsoever (except against the Dutch) I am confident, we of the Commonalty joyning with the Souldier, shall assume so much liberty to our selves, as to choose and elect such Members as hereafter shall be more tender of our purses, and more liberal of their own; and we shall indeavor so strictly to call unto account each member of this Parl. who hath fingured our Treasure, that we shall leave many of them as naked as when they came out of their mothers wombs, or when first to be members of Parliament.

Thus Changes come, thus Changes will ensue
(Till these corrupted Bodies change for new
And put on Incorruption) Men and Things,
Whole Countreyes, Cities, Beggers, Princes, Kings;
He who but lately wore a Crown of Gold,
Crown'd now with thorns, exil'd, or bleeding sold:
He clad in Rags and fed with scraps before,
Now thron'd in's stead and sursetting with store:
A glorious Church and Kingdom, but to day,
To morrow both the Wolfe and Fox's prey:
All, all to change, and Dissolution tend,
Poor Almanacks, ev'n they! must have

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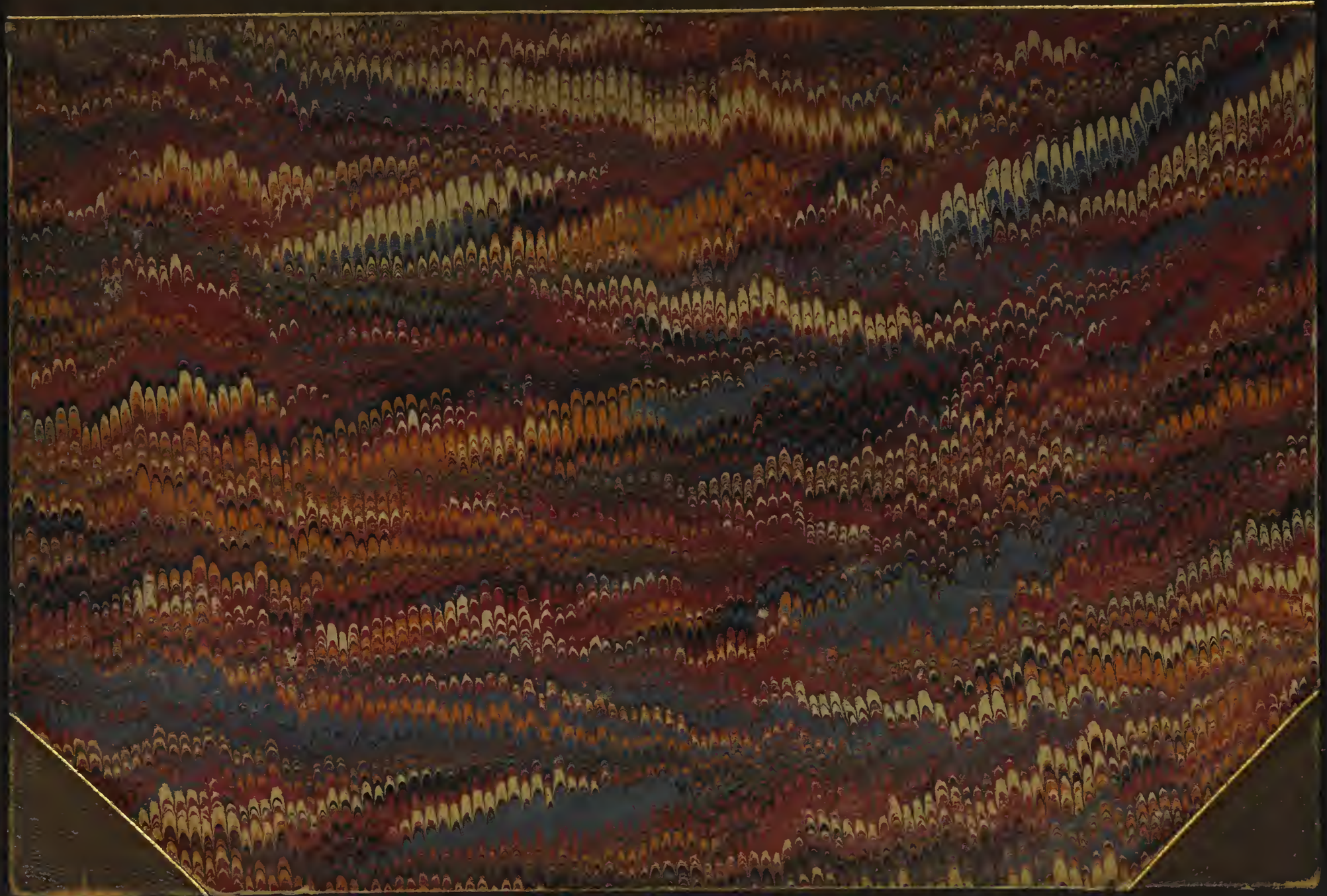
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